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Bowling Green Junior Andrea Prater holds her 4-year-old son, Cevin. Cevin was diagnosed with Down syndrome at birth.

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CHALLENGE

Western student raises child with Down syndrome, engages community

LAUREL WILSON
Herald reporter

Doctors told Andrea Prater that there was a one in 6,278 chance that she would have a child with Down syndrome as a 20-year-old.

“But we were blessed with him anyway,” she said of her 4-year-old son, Cevin.

Prater, now a 24-year-old junior at Western, found out six hours after Cevin’s birth that he had Down syndrome, a relatively common genetic disorder that causes a delay in physical and cognitive development.

She said she was scared at first because she didn’t know anything about the disorder, but she found there were lots of resources to help.

“I realized it wasn’t going to be that bad,” she said.

Prater said Cevin is more like other 4-year-olds than he is different. He goes to preschool,

enjoys the playground and loves “Barney.”

But most kids his age don’t need to use sign language alongside vocabulary, as Cevin does. It also takes him longer to understand concepts such as counting and the alphabet, and he has to be looked after more carefully than other kids.

Prater and her husband, David, work with Cevin one-on-one each day to ensure he’s learning what he needs to. They said his Down syndrome doesn’t affect their daily routine, although there are challenges.

“The biggest thing is how society looks at him and treats him,” Prater said. “Not everybody is understanding and accepts him for who he is.”

It’s hard enough to go to college while raising a child without Down syndrome, she said.

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One in every **733** babies is born with Down syndrome.

People with Down syndrome have an **extra chromosome**, which causes a physical and cognitive delay in development. It is unknown what causes the extra chromosome, and there’s nothing that can be done to prevent it.

Half of people with Down syndrome have health problems, such as congenital heart defects or deficiencies in hearing and vision.

Women aged **35** and older have a higher risk of having a baby with Down syndrome. By age **35**, the chances are **one** in **400**, and by age **40** there is a **one** in **110** chance. However, **80** percent of children with Down Syndrome are born to women younger than **35**.

Source: National Down Syndrome Society, www.ndss.org

Landlord Tenant Act stalled, other options considered

‘Controversial issues’ threaten act’s future

ALEX BOOZE
Herald reporter

City officials are looking at proposals for an act that would improve living conditions for some students. But there hasn’t been much progress in recent months.

Mayor Elaine Walker said the issue is still being discussed, but city officials are trying to implement a plan that would allow landlords a certain number of days to respond to a tenant’s complaint.

City Commissioner Bruce Wilkerson said the Landlord Tenant Act is still under revision

and he doesn’t expect the act to be put forward because of controversial issues.

He declined to comment on what those issues are.

Commissioners are considering certifying a recommendation of a good housekeeping seal of approval for landlords that meet guidelines, Wilkerson said.

Students could then look up published standards on landlords of places where they’d like to live.

According to www.city-data.com, Bowling Green currently has 7,782 renters. Most are between the ages of 20 and 25.

SEE RENTERS, PAGE 10

City smoking ban fails in second vote 3-2

Commission decides against Clean Air Act after year of consideration

ALEX BOOZE
Herald reporter

In the second and final vote Tuesday, city officials decided against passing a smoking ordinance that would ban smoking in public areas throughout Warren County.

The ordinance, which has been up for discussion for more than a year, failed 3-2.

Commissioner Brian “Slim” Nash, who sponsored the Clean Air Act, said he had never supported an ordinance prior to this, but wanted to thank everyone on both sides of the issue for participating.

“I will continue to do my part in making sure Bowling Green is a good place to live, with clean air,” he said.

Mayor Elaine Walker, who also voted in favor of



ALEX SLITZHERALD

56-year-old Lynda Farley of Metcalfe County rejoices with a cigarette after the city commission decided not to pass the smoking ban.

the ordinance, said she read in USA Today that Bowling Green is the only large community in the state that doesn’t have a smoking ban.

“As I go around the region, one thing I am very proud of is the fact that we are a

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ARRESTS

◆ Meghan L. Nacke, Morgantown, was arrested on Sept. 19 and charged with speeding, driving under the influence first offense and possession of marijuana. She was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

◆ Mackenzie L. Dennis, Poland Hall, was arrested on Sept. 16 and charged with disregarding a traffic control device and driving under the influence first offense. She was released from Warren County jail the same day on an unsecured bond.

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◆ Marcus A. Castillo, 1102 Payne St., was arrested on Sept. 16 and charged with careless driving, operating on no driver's license, driving under the influence of alcohol first offense, possession of an alcohol container in a motor vehicle, possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor and theft by unlawful taking over \$300 of an automobile for personal use. He was being held in Warren County jail as of Wednesday afternoon on a \$5,000 cash bond.

◆ Marydith L. Smith, Louisville, was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with failure to illuminate plates and driving under the influence first offense. She was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$692.20 cash bond.

◆ Jesus Castillo Jr., Beaver Dam, was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with disregarding a traffic control device, disregarding a stop sign and operating on a suspended driver's license. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆ Mateo D. Perez, 1277 Clay St., was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place and giving a peace officer a false name. He was released from Warren County jail Sept. 16 on a \$204 cash bond.

◆ Adam J. Tingle, 1544 State St., was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with alcohol intoxication. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆ Kristin J. Wilson, Meredith Hall, was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place. She was released from Warren County jail on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

◆ Matthew L. Hall, Louisville, was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with alcohol intoxication. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

◆ Robert L. Morand, 414 Trent Way, was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with disorderly conduct second degree. He was released from Warren County jail on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

◆ Timothy R. Kistler, 3349 Kami Drive, was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with driving under the influence first degree. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

a thousand words

KELLIE MANIER



I enjoy going to antique shops and finding treasures,” said Rebecca Hendrick of Morgantown.

Hendrick, owner of Poor Man’s Treasures, moved to Morgantown with her 17-year-old son Miles shortly after her husband died of a heart attack.

“I wanted to put him first and do what’s best for his situation,” Hendrick said.

Hendrick’s brother, Bill Mills, lives in Morgantown. Hendrick wanted her son to have a male figure around. The school systems were good too.

With her son in school during the week, she decided to open an antique store. “It’ll help with his college fund, give me something to do and keep my mind off being alone.”

Hendrick planned to open a thrift store, but Morgantown already had one. She didn’t think the small town economy would support two, so she opened Poor Man’s Treasures in Bowling Green, out of an old tobacco warehouse she rented

from her brother.

Family friend Mary Papstefanou and neighbor Patricia Cullen helped run the store, cleaning and providing extra help.

“I respect them,” Hendrick said. “They are both straightforward and honest. All of us have a sense of humor. You just have to be around.”

After running the shop for a year and eight months, Hendrick decided to close the store because expenses were high.

Now she runs an eBay store out of the same building. Hendrick will continue working with Papstefanou and Cullen.

But regular customers and booth renters such as Kaye Miller say they are sad to see Poor Man’s Treasures go.

“They have become friends,” Miller said. “I’m going to miss seeing them.”

►CRIME REPORTS

REPORTS

◆ A woman, Rodes-Harlin Hall, reported on Sept. 18 harassment.

◆ Daniel Dunkleman, Keen Hall, reported on Sept. 18 his phone stolen from RedZone. The value of the theft was \$250.

◆ Gabe Smith, Clearwater Court, reported on Sept. 18 his helmet stolen from the motorcycle parking lot behind the Science and

Technology Hall. The value of the theft was \$150.

◆ The Campus Activities Board reported on Sept. 14 five compact discs and 13 T-shirts stolen from Diddle Arena Entrance 3. The value of the theft was \$360.87.

◆ Katherine Garman, Rodes, reported on Sept. 17 her Mercedes hood ornament broken while parked in the Kentucky Street lot. The total value of the damage was

\$40.

◆ Neil Goodin, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on Sept. 17 his calculator, three textbooks and his book bag stolen from the tables outside PFT.

◆ Kathryn Landis, McCormack Hall, reported on Sept. 17 her driver’s license, social security card and bank card stolen from her purse that had been lost. Her purse was returned, but those items were

missing.

◆ Courtney Don, Thoroughbred Drive, reported on Sept. 15 an assault.

◆ Sylvester Robinson, Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported on Sept. 16 his leather wallet, ID card and \$30 stolen from a room in Barnes.

◆ Jordan Doyle, Hawesville, reported on Sept. 14 four hubcaps stolen from his 2002 Saturn. The total value of the theft was \$50.

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Proposed contract would extend Ransdell's tenure for 15 more years

Ransdell was inaugurated in 1997. His two previous con-

Zielke also said there's nothing worse for stability than a turnover, and Ransdell staying until 2022 is a great thing for

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BOTTOMS to Facebook spam. No, we don't want to be zombies/vampires/ninjas, or join any more groups about the white squirrels. If we were interested, we'd have already joined by now.

TOPS to this year's freshman class getting involved in campus activities. They're making everyone else look kinda bad, though...

BOTTOMS to no spinach in Subway still. While we appreciate that they're being careful about the E. Coli business, we still miss getting our Popeye on.

BOTTOMS to continuing low promotion and attendance for big-name campus performances. If we don't start showing up, they're probably going to stop.

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OPINION

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STAFF EDITORIAL

More computers, less art

A shortage of Mac computers and 24/7 labs needs to be addressed

Students have been overheard complaining on campus. Shocking, right? We're all a bunch of whiny dissidents, you might say, not happy unless we're unhappy about something. Well, perhaps. But quite a few of those complaints also happen to be valid issues.

For example, there are quite a few complaints going around about the computer labs, specifically the "fishbowl" lab in Mass Media and Technology Hall. Complaints about the disappearing Macintosh computers, about how full the lab gets sometimes and about the fact that it's the only 24-hour lab on campus.

We agree. There are plenty of students on campus who are taking art or journalism classes who need to be able to use the software on the Macs. But with only six computers in the lab, there's never a guarantee of an open computer when one is needed. There are other Mac labs upstairs in Mass Media, but they're often closed because of a lack of student workers.

And it's not just the seats at the Mac computers that fill up. Need to run in and print a paper before class? Good luck. Check you e-mail or do some online research? Maybe, maybe not. All the spots aren't always taken, of course, but students should never have to wait.

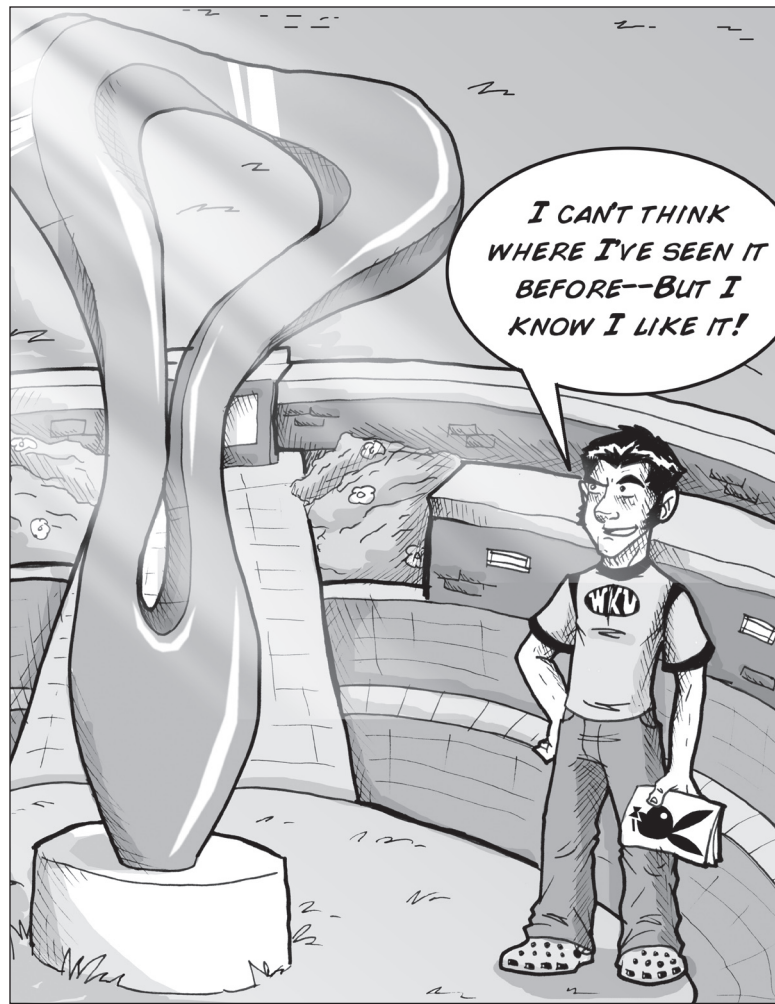
A great way to open up more spots late at night would be to keep another computer lab open all night. That would also give students more options for places to spread out and study. The library, for instance, is a great place with plenty of quiet spots for studying – it would still be a great place at 2 a.m.

The best reason we could think of for why there aren't more 24-hour labs is the funding necessary to pay for the extended hours. Electricity and student lab workers would have to be paid for, and we understand that this can get expensive.

This brings us to another student complaint: the "monumental" changes that appeared around the Centennial Mall. Christened with all sorts of goofy nicknames, the statues adorning our green space are nice, but they don't really help us with our education.

A beautiful campus is an admirable goal, but we'd like to suggest that financial donors be encouraged to give their cash for more practical campus improvements. Like, for instance, computer labs.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 11-member editorial board.



ANNIE ERSKINE/HERALD

COMMENTARY

Western's goals end in 2012 ... as does the world



AMBER COULTER
Herald news editor

Western officials plan to have \$200 million in capital campaign money, 20,000 students and significant strategic progress within the next five years.

That will make 2012 an exciting, prosperous year for Western. If we live to enjoy it.

Administrators obviously

weren't accounting for the Mayan end of the world prediction that coincides with Western's 2012 deadlines.

The Mayan calendar predicts Doomsday as falling on Dec. 21, 2012. Naturally, this poses a unique problem to Western's progress toward and enjoyment of its goals that are supposed to be completed that year.

President Gary Ransdell said the administration hasn't yet considered the correlation.

"Maybe we better move up to 2011, so we can enjoy the prosperity for at least a year," he said, laughing.

But this is no laughing matter. Our status as a university is in a period of crisis. Perhaps moving up

our timetable is the best option.

If we want to be a leading university with international reach, we must achieve our goals come hell or high water — both strong possibilities.

Ransdell said it's been a while since he studied the Mayan calendar and that maybe he should brush up on his civilization studies.

Indeed, we all should. Let's prepare, people. We have a reputation to protect.

But perhaps I'm not giving administrators' foresight enough credit. It's possible that they chose the year 2012 so no one would notice, in the midst of global destruction, if the university misses enrollment goals.

Well, I, for one, will be watching them.

I call upon all responsible citizens to hold Western officials accountable. Don't be so distracted by other events scheduled for 2012 that you allow our beloved school's reputation to fall into ashes with the rest of creation.

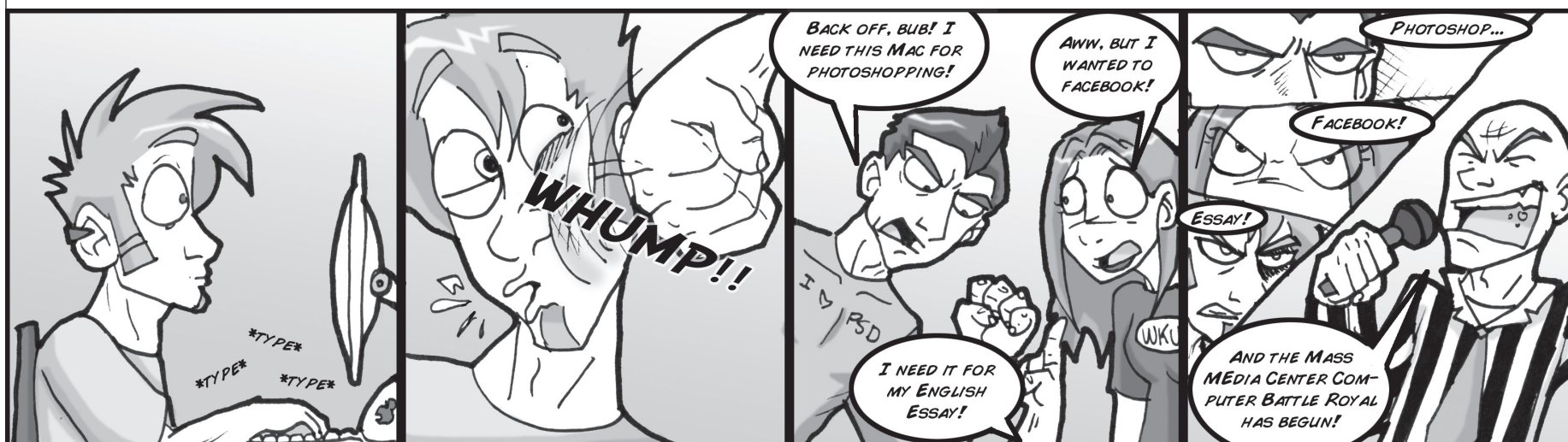
If I have graduated by then, I also call upon the Herald staff of 2012 to track Western's progress toward its goals. Don't get so distracted by the obvious news of death and destruction that you neglect coverage of university policy.

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A cartoon strip by Annie Erskine



CAMPUS LIFE

Pagan Student Union seeks representation

KRISTEN LAWRENCE & NINA BOSKEN
Herald reporters

Carmen Royal has been to about five or six different churches in her life. Yet, the Brandenburg sophomore said she didn't feel comfortable at any of them.

Now, through paganism, she worships a Christian god in nature. And through the Pagan Student Union, she's found others with similar beliefs.

The union is a organization created by a group of Western students who practice paganism.

Brandenburg sophomore KT Hager, the president of the group, defines paganism as a religion in which people worship a god or goddess in a "naturesque" environment.

Members of the Pagan Student Union meet weekly on the lawn behind McCormack Hall. One thing still stood out in their minds as they talked together.

Representation.

The group of students said they found it difficult to find a faculty sponsor. They need representation to become an official student organization, Royal said.

"It's been very difficult — we've e-mailed almost every faculty member on campus," Hager said. "Nobody, I mean nobody, wants anything to do with it. I think it's because there's a common misconception about paganism."

Royal said some of the professors they've contacted are busy with other student organizations.

"I would really hope it's not because what the club's about," she said.

It's important to become an organization so the group can

meet inside when it gets colder, Royal said.

There have been other attempts at pagan organizations on campus, such as the Pagan Alliance, but none of their information has been archived, Hager said.

The misconception Hager thinks people have about paganism is frustrating to her, along with other members of the Pagan Student Union.

"We stand for religious tolerance and awareness, and I don't think anybody should be ashamed of something like that," she said.

Some people don't understand paganism, Royal said. They think it means things such as animal sacrifice and demon worship, but it doesn't.

"It's just a misconception," Royal said. "We just want to change that; we're just like everyone else."

There are several sects of paganism, said Indianapolis junior Aaron Roberts, another member of the group.

"It is impossible to say that there are three or 3,000 (sects)," Roberts said. "Both are wrong and both are right. So many people call different religions pagan."

Members of the group described paganism as anything but Christianity.

Other forms of paganism include eclectic, in which people combine various religious beliefs and practices; neopaganism, purely based on the earth; and Wiccan, where followers worship either one or multiple gods.

Dictionaries define "pagan" as someone who follows beliefs other than those of main world religions or someone who follows ancient polytheistic religions.

Some students aren't sure where they stand on the issue of having a organization representing pagan students on campus.

Bowling Green freshman Ashley Anderson said she believes in having a pagan student group, but she, personally, wouldn't sponsor it.

"I'm kind of torn on the subject because even though I'm a Christian, I'm kind of into the politics of things," Anderson said.

Bowling Green freshman Tatjana Gibson said she thinks religious groups are a good way for students to connect to each other.

"I think religion groups are OK in school — it can help new students find a common ground with other students," Gibson said.

She said it isn't fair that the group can't find sponsorship when other religious groups on campus can.

The Pagan Student Union has about 20 members and currently fosters about five sects of paganism.

"The point of the pagan religion is to find people who share your same beliefs and won't judge you," Roberts said. "They will celebrate with you in your own religion."

Reach the reporters at diversions@chherald.com.



ARMANDO SANCHEZ/HERALD

Brandenburg sophomore KT Hager reads Tarot cards with her friend, Rhodelia sophomore Kelly Sexton in Downing University Center. Hager and Sexton both went to high school together in Meade County and have started a Pagan Student Union. "It's going pretty well," Hager said. "We're getting great feedback from members in other religious communities on campus."

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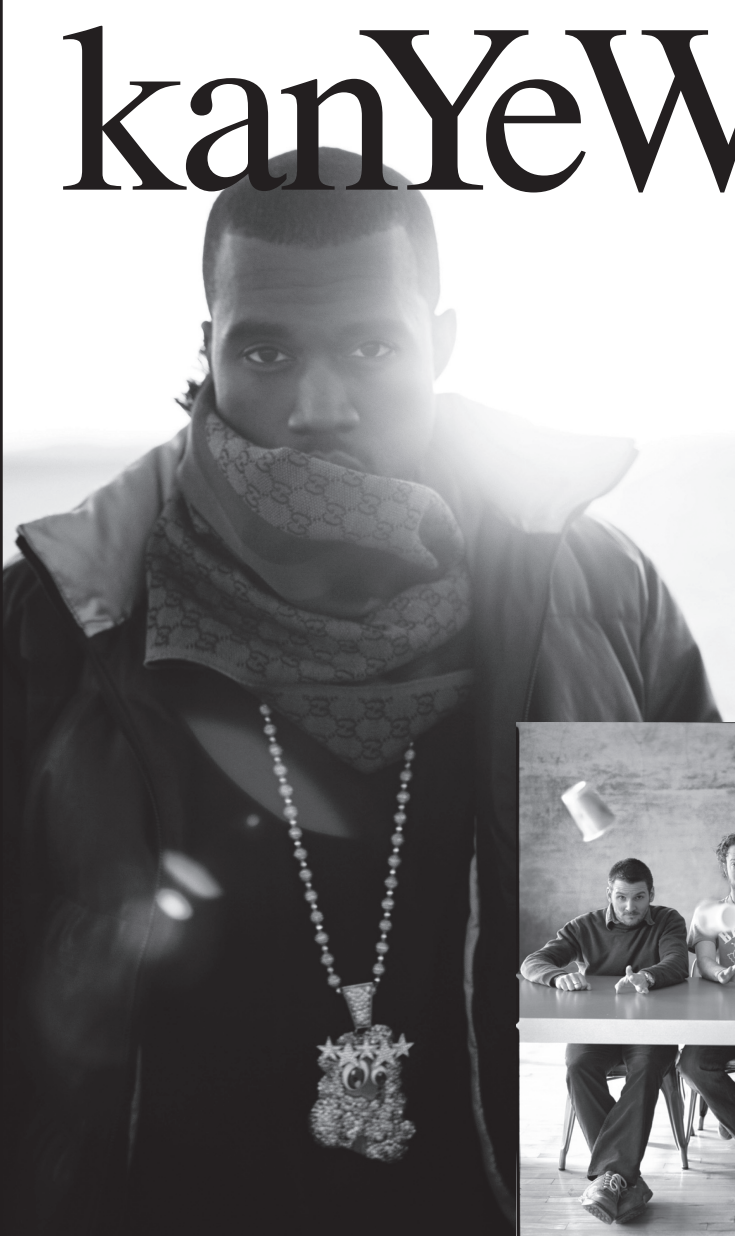
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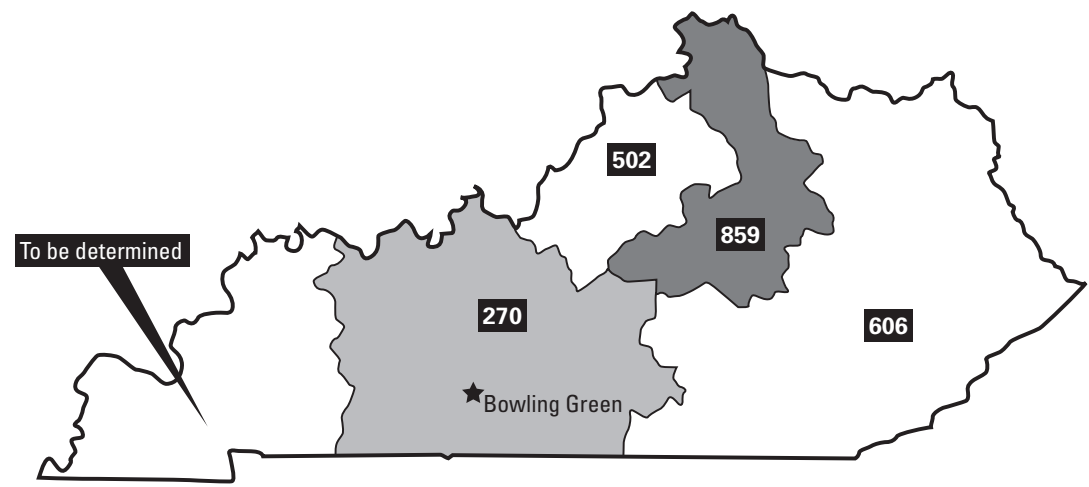


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Area Code configuration approved last summer to increase the number of available area codes in the state. The new area code might not be used if a new number distribution system is effective.

Area code, prefix plans on hold; new system deemed unnecessary

CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

Western community members won't be phoning home to a new area code anytime soon.

Western officials have been trying to get a new prefix to expand the campus dialing system, but Edwin Craft, director of telecommunications, said an area code split in the western part of the state would solve the problem.

But the area code split, which was decided on this summer, is now on hold, said Andrew Melnykovich, public information officer for the Public Service Commission.

A new system for distributing numbers might make it unnecessary, Melnykovich said.

Western officials' plans to get another prefix are stalled. They'll see what the PSC decides to do before moving forward, Craft said.

Western wanted to get another prefix to use in case existing numbers run out.

There are still about 2,300 numbers left in the 936 prefix used for students' numbers and about 2,000 left in the 745 prefix used for business numbers.

The North American Numbering Plan Administration denied Western and Bellsouth's two requests in 2006 to get the prefix 958, the Herald previously reported. The 958 prefix spells WKU.

The PSC decided in May to use an additional area code in western Kentucky to relieve the need for more numbers in the area, Melnykovich said.

Numbers west of Owensboro and Hopkinsville would be re-assigned a new area code, Craft said. That would make more prefixes available by allowing them to be used in the 270 area code and in the new area code.

The PSC is using number pooling to combat the need for more numbers, Melnykovich said. Prefixes can be released in blocks of 10,000 or 1,000.

When a number is released in a block of 10,000 to an area or company that will only use 500 of those numbers, the rest are left unused, Melnykovich said. That's 9,500 numbers that another company or area might need.

Instead of releasing numbers in large blocks, the PSC is releasing numbers in blocks of 1,000, leaving fewer numbers unused.

PSC officials will evaluate how pooling affects the need for more numbers before deciding whether to go ahead with the area code split.

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BOWLING GREEN

Fountain Square Park to host International Festival Sept. 29

ALEX BOOZE
Herald reporter

Bowling Green residents can experience various cultures without leaving the country.

The Bowling Green International Festival will take place on Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Fountain Square Park.

The city has hosted the festival annually since 1989 to allow international community members to teach others about their cultures.

The festival is funded by public and private donors and by festival patrons.

An average of 13,000 people come to the festival each year to help raise the \$30,000 budget needed to fund the next festival, said Kim Mason, assistant director of the International Committee.

The festival is a great way for the public to become more educated about international cultures, Mason said.

"By coming, people will get to experience the folklore, food and ways of life of other cultures," she said. "It's a good way to meet people from other countries."

There are currently more than 600 international students attending Western from more than 60 countries, said Robin Borczon, director of international programs and projects.

More than 200 international students participated in or attended the festival last year, Borczon said.

Top six countries represented at WKU

- ▶ India - 168 students
- ▶ Taiwan - 53 students
- ▶ South Korea - 44 students
- ▶ China - 40 students
- ▶ Vietnam - 21 students
- ▶ Saudi Arabia - 18 students

"The festival is a celebration of diversity and culture," she said. "I think people are really interested in who the international community is and where they come from."

Borczon said many international students aren't asked much about who they are, and they're expected to adapt to American ways of living.

"This festival lets them show off their culture and shine," she said. "It teaches us about how different the world really is."

Pei-His Lin, a freshman from Taiwan and president of the Taiwanese Student Association, said group members are looking forward to participating in the festival.

"We want people to know where Taiwan is," Lin said. "It's a small country, and is very different from China, even though we have similar cultures."

Lin said she hopes students will attend the festival and learn more about her culture and others.

"My experience at Western has been really good so far," she said. "I love it."

Some new organizations will join the celebration this year.

Elenor "Lenny" Hanson, a member of the Bowling Green Philippine American Club, said participating in the festival will benefit Filipino Americans.

"This opportunity should bring a lot of information about our country to the public," Hanson said. "It's our first time participating in this, so teamwork is important."

Hanson said she wants to follow in her late father's footsteps by getting Filipinos more recognition in the community.

"My father was on his way to America when he found out he had cancer and he passed shortly after," she said. "So this is a very important time for me because he was a great role model."

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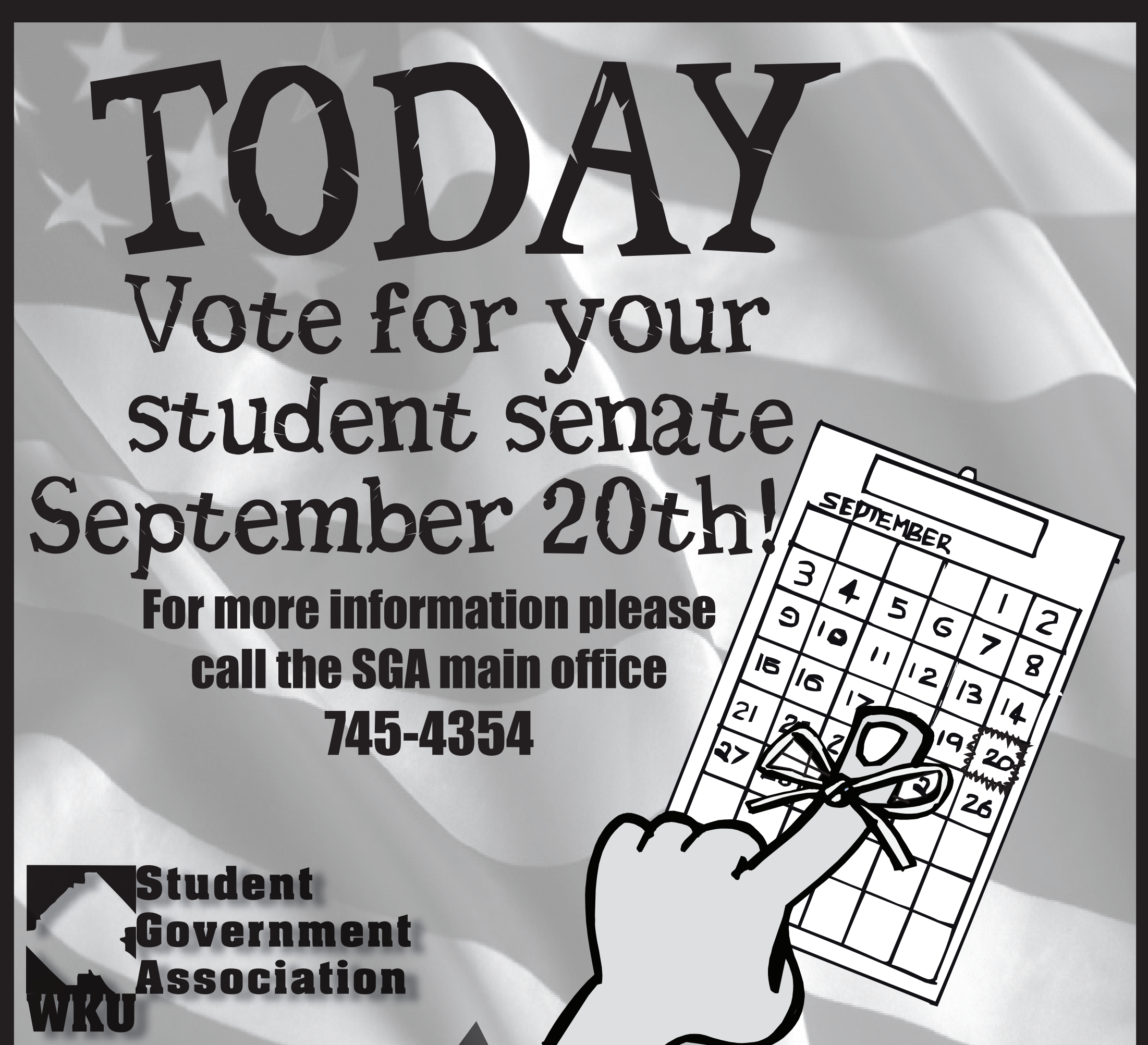
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SYNDROME

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"Every parent has to go through different challenges," Prater said. "Mine just happens to be Down syndrome."

Prater said she would never, if given the choice, choose for Cevin to no longer have Down syndrome.

"I've fallen in love with the person he is, and couldn't imagine him any differently," she said. "He was made exactly the way God meant for him to be."

Taking care of her son has inspired Prater to represent people with Down syndrome on a community-wide level.

Prater volunteered at the Buddy Walk Saturday at Greenwood High School.

The purpose of a Buddy Walk, according to the National Down Syndrome Society's Web site, is to promote the inclusion of people with Down syndrome, raise funds for advocacy programs and positively influence local and national policy.

The Buddy Walk in Bowling Green, which has gone on for nine years, is sponsored by the Down Syndrome Support Group of South Central Kentucky, the local affiliate of the National Down Syndrome Society. Prater is secretary for the local affiliate.

Participants raised nearly \$20,000, said Scott Essler, president of the local affiliate.

The money is divided three ways. Half stays with local affiliate, one-fourth supports local programs, such as the Special Olympics and one-fourth goes to the National Down Syndrome Society.

Before the walk, there were activities for about 500 people attending. They included educational and merchandise booths related to Down syndrome, an inflatable slide and bounce gym and a pig and calf to pet.

Big Red even made an appearance.

Cevin came over with his dad to the booth where his

"I've fallen in love with the person he is, and couldn't imagine him any differently."

— Andrea Prater
Junior, Bowling Green

mom was sitting Saturday, full of energy from an encounter with Big Red.

He wasn't able to say very much, but he smiled excitedly.

WBKO Weather Director Chris Allen was also at the walk. His sister-in-law, Felicia, has Down syndrome.

He said he didn't know much about the disorder before he met her. He's been learning more about it, and he's seen how it affects someone.

"Hopefully, through me being here, maybe a lot more people will understand it," he said.

Essler said the walk is a good way to raise awareness about the abilities of people with Down syndrome.

"There's a lot of misconception about what people with Down syndrome can do," he said. "People tend to focus on the inability rather than the ability."

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PHILLIP ANDREWS/HERALD

Bowling Green junior Andrea Prater watches her 4-year-old son, Cevin, play in the living room while talking to friends. Cevin was diagnosed with Down syndrome at birth.



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Prater holds her son, Cevin.

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THAT’S WHAT SHE SAID
Heather Ryan

Saints and sailors. I guess I am a little of both. A saint when it comes to loyalty to my friends, and a sailor when it comes to a random night in the basement of Brewing Company getting stepped on, spilled on and, God forbid, puked on.

I like to dance, I really do. But since when was getting groped considering dancing, much less a good time?

My version of dancing is more or less reminiscent of the scene in “Charlie’s Angels” where Cameron Diaz dances in her boy underpants. It’s dorky, shaky and sometimes rhythmless, but I am having an amazing time.

Yeah, I may be the only one who knows all the words to “Bug a Boo,” or maybe I’m just the only one who is willing to scream the words at the top of my lungs, blatantly showing my devotion to Destiny’s Child. But in my head, it’s gravy.

Why is it that every time a group of friends goes out,

regardless of their sex, the mission is: find someone to hook-up with?

It usually leads to two uncomfortable situations — either a drunken “oops” with someone who you don’t know or an uncomfortable feeling of disgust when someone tries to make that hook-up happen.

Can’t we all just have a good time without attempting to do something to someone else that is illegal in three states?

Honestly, I think that those nights when the girls (or guys, if you will) go out and have a good time without the pressure of a hook-up with a looks-good-in-this-light type of person are the most fun adventures of them all. You feel more

confident. The weight is lifted from your shoulders and let’s face it — you’re more carefree.

Anytime we can lift a little pressure off of ourselves in this stress-filled college life, we should. Plus, who really wants to wake up feeling like they made a mistake anyway?

Chances are that “connection” you felt with someone at a bar probably isn’t going to last. Don’t get me wrong, nothing’s more romantic than telling your future children Mommy and Daddy met over a couple shots of Jager.

So let’s make a pact. Let’s try to rethink those choices we make during this chapter of our lives and make better ones from now on.

Having a good time at the end of the week is all fine and dandy, but waking up without regrets just feels a little better.

Reach Heather Ryan at diversions@chherald.com.

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► NEWS BRIEFS

Forensics takes first in first event of season

Western’s forensic team placed first in individual events sweepstakes, debate sweepstakes and combined individual events and debate sweepstakes last weekend at the Purdue University’s Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

The invitational was the team’s first event of the season.

Western placed ahead of Ohio University and Cedarville University in overall sweepstakes.

Western also placed first in debate sweepstakes, ahead of Cedarville and Wheaton College.

Twenty-two members of the team competed only in debate, extemporaneous speaking and impromptu in the tournament. Twelve of the 16 advancing debate teams were from Western.

Lauren Nelson, a junior from Wheaton, Ill., was tournament champion in impromptu speaking and in extemporaneous speaking.

Kelcy Hathaway, a sophomore from Garden City, Kan., was tournament champion in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Elizabeth Mullins, a sophomore from Plymouth, Mass., and Logan Parke, a sophomore from Little Rock, Ark., were tournament champions in parliamentary debate.

Thomas Schally, a junior from Stillwater, Minn., was top parliamentary speaker.

For a full list of students who placed in the event, see the news release at www.wku.edu.

— Chris Byrne

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SMOKING

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progressive communi-ty,” Walker said. “But I am extremely saddened that our community is the only one that has not chosen to enact a smoking ban in the entire state.”

Bowling Green resident Sue Duncan said at the meeting people in the community want to be in smoke-free environments.

Duncan said that many people that work in businesses that allow smoking suffer and face problems each day.

Edmonson County resident Linda Farley, who was against the smoking ban, said

she’s boycotting all counties in Kentucky that have smoking bans.

Farley travels across the state in her van decorated with First Amendment stickers and visits counties across the state that have enacted smoking bans, only shopping in counties that don’t.

“I’m not paying \$20 for a nice piece of steak and have to go outside to smoke the best cigarette of the day,” Farley said. “I want people to know I’m from the United States of America, where we still have rights.”

Commissioner Bruce Wilkerson, who was also against the ban, said he didn’t feel comfortable venturing into an area that the city and county does not usually deal with.

“Bowling Green does not have a Department of Occupational Safety and Health,” said Wilkerson. “The state and federal agency usually deals with issues such as this, so we were expanding the role of city government, and I didn’t feel comfortable doing that.”

Wilkerson said he agrees it’s not easy to give up a job because of smoke in the workplace.

Wilkerson thinks there will eventually be a smoking ban enacted in Bowling Green in the future.

“Eventually, I think it will happen everywhere,” he said.

Reach Alex Booze
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RENTERS

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Wilkerson said that the city is trying to make sure students have nice places to live, but the commission hasn’t had time

to deal with the issue because of other large scale activities occurring in the community.

Such issues include the downtown redevelopment plan and the proposed smoking ban.

The Landlord Tenant Act was introduced by former mayor Eldon Renaud in

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ADMINISTRATION

Forum lets community meet candidates for admissions job

SUSIE LAUN
Herald reporter

A school can’t exist without students.

So officials are trying to hire someone with the skills to recruit new students to Western.

Campus forums for a new director of admissions will begin tomorrow.

All forums will be at 1 p.m. in the academic affairs conference room.

Anyone with questions for the candidates is encouraged to come.

Dean Kahler, current associate vice president for academic affairs for enrollment management, previously held the position.

The director of admissions is responsible for leading a student recruitment program within Kentucky, as well as nationally and internationally.

Western is looking for someone who has good management and people skills, Provost Barbara Burch said.

Kahler said four candidates fulfill the requirements, and he’s confident that officials have a good pool of people to select from.

Essential requirements for the position include interpersonal

relations skills, a master’s degree, a strong understanding of how to use data and technology to supplement recruitment strategies, an exceptional record and significant administrative experience, according to a job description from academic affairs.

Candidate Sara Yount, senior associate dean of admission at Bellarmine University, will be at Western tomorrow.

Yount has been in her position at Bellarmine since July 2002, according to her resume.

She has a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Louisville.

Yount couldn’t be reached for comment.

Candidate Chris Fleming, associate director of admissions at Middle Tennessee State University, will be at Western on Monday.

Fleming said he’s interested in coming to Western because of everything that’s going on at the university.

“It’s always an honor and privilege for a Hilltopper to come back home,” said Fleming,

who graduated from Western in 1996, and got his master’s on the Hill in 1998.

Candidate Finley Woodard, Western’s associate director of admissions, will be available for questions on Sept. 27.

Woodard has been in her position since October 1999, according to her resume.

She got her undergraduate and master’s degrees from Western.

Woodard couldn’t be reached for comment.

Candidate Scott Gordon, associate director in the office of school relations at Murray State University, will be at Western on Sept. 28.

Gordon has been in his position since July 2005, according to his resume.

Gordon has bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Kentucky. He’s in the process of getting a second master’s from Murray.

Gordon couldn’t be reached for comment.

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CAMPUS GOVERNMENT

SGA to hold mock primary elections

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

The Student Government Association won’t be finished with elections after polls close for senator elections today.

SGA will sponsor mock primary elections to help students register to vote and predict the outcome of the gubernatorial race, SGA President Jeanne Johnson said.

The mock elections will be held on Oct. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Centennial Mall.

Members of College Republicans and College Democrats will help support the event, said Liz Goddard, SGA public relations director.

Each organization will set up a table and encourage students to register, Johnson said.

The organizations will com-

pete to see who registers the most students. The winner will get a pizza party from SGA.

“It’s just a little healthy competition,” Goddard said.

SGA isn’t affiliated with the College Republicans or College Democrats, but members are trying to get the student body to become more politically aware and involved in government, Goddard said.

The mock elections will also help to raise awareness about voting, Johnson said.

Registration among young people, especially ages 18 to 24, is very low, said Sandra Ardrey, political science department head. Registration and voting numbers generally increase with age.

“Young people are what we call footloose and fancy free,” Ardrey said. “They aren’t as established.”

The mock elections let students practice adult behavior, Ardrey said.

Taylorsville sophomore Dave Vickery said he registered to vote because he felt obligated.

“No one can make you vote, but you can’t change anything if you don’t vote,” he said.

Samantha Weir, a junior from Hermitage, Tenn., is registered, but didn’t vote in the last election in her home state.

She said the campaigns focused too much on attacking the opponents’ character and not enough on problems students deal with.

“If the candidates focused more on what I’m interested in, I would vote,” Weir said.

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NEWS BRIEF

SGA senator election voting ends tonight

The Student Government Association is wrapping up senator elections tonight at 11:59.

Students can vote by going to TopNet and clicking the Student Government Association

Election link, then logging in.

There was a surprisingly large amount of new involvement this year, said SGA President Jeanne Johnson.

SGA is hoping for high voter participation as well, although voter turnout for fall elections is typically not as

high as for the spring elections, Johnson said.

SGA senators will meet in the main office in Downing University Center, Room 130, and wait for the election results after polls close.

— Michelle Day

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RIVALRY

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Sophomore wide receiver Jake Gaebler said the Blue Raiders are quick on offense and defense.

“They have a lot of athletes on the team,” Gaebler said. “They play a lot of man-to-man coverage and line up one-on-one against you. It’s going to be a tough game for us.”

While Middle Tennessee was unable to score against LSU, the Blue Raiders scored 42 points against Louisville.

“Those big plays that they made (against the Cardinals),” Elson said, “you’ve gotta pay attention to that.”

Sophomore defensive back Jihad Morris said the Blue Raiders will gain confidence

offensively by watching films of the Toppers’ previous games.

“I know for a fact that they’re going to study that Florida game and think they can beat us deep,” Morris said. “But we’ve gotten a lot better than that Florida week, and we’re gonna be ready for Middle.”

Having two similar quarterbacks provides Western with versatility and depth at the position.

“I just think it’s going to be a great one-two punch for us,” Elson said.

Quarterbacks junior David Wolke and redshirt freshman K.J. Black have each played

in every game this season, combining for 531 yards through the air with three touchdown passes. Wolke, the starter in each game, has also rushed for 102 yards.

Elson said 16 years is a long time to remember any kind of past rivalry between the two teams.

“The one thing I know is,” Elson said, “when they come out at 6 o’clock, they’re going to see what that rivalry is all about.”

— Jihad Morris
Sophomore defensive back

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SCOTT MCINTYRE/HERALD

Kyle Schroeder, left, a senior from Coppell, Texas, has been helping his fellow Texan, Coppell freshman Blake Wilson, get adjusted to the Western soccer team.

TEXAS

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That was all he had to do according to Wilson. The rest just fell into place.

“I knew he was a good player and that there were some other really good players so I figured Western had to have a good reputation,” Blake said.

The same can be said for Schroeder, who four years ago, was entering his freshman year.

“When I came up on my official visit I just watched the team play,” Schroeder said. “For the most part it was the right situation.”

As Schroeder gets ready to make his exit from Western, he is welcoming in another Coppell native in Wilson.

With four other players from

Texas on the roster, getting homesick is hard to come by.

“With him and the Dallas guys it kinda brings that hometown influence and that’s always a good thing,” Schroeder says.

The senior goalkeeper will help out his former high school teammate throughout the year, but after that he’s on his own.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Perry names new assistant softball coaches

First-year softball head coach Tyra Perry announced yesterday the hiring of Bonnie Bynum and Auriel Jenkins as assistant coaches.

“I am thrilled to have Bonnie as our pitching coach,” Perry said. “She was a top competitor in the Ohio Valley Conference and will no doubt bring that same competitive spirit to the WKU pitching staff and catchers.”

Bynum comes from Tennessee Tech, where she lettered all four years for the Golden Eagles on the pitching staff. She finished with 103 victories, including a record-setting 34 wins in 2007, and was twice named TTU’s

Outstanding Female Athlete of the year.

During her junior season, the Fayetteville, Ga., native was named OVC Pitcher and Female Athlete of the Year. She earned first-team all-OVC and OVC Tournament Most Valuable Player accolades for three straight years.

Bynum ended her career appearing in 193 games, with 1,021 strikeouts and six no-hitters. She was seventh nationally in victories last year.

During her senior year, she posted a 1.50 earned run average, throwing 33 complete games and 11 shutouts while pitching over 300 innings.

“Auriel comes to us after several years as an outstand-

ing player and assistant coach at Southern Mississippi,” Perry said. “She will be in charge of developing the outfield and will also assist wit hitting.”

Jenkins graduated from USM in 2004, joining the school’s staff as a graduate assistant in 2006 before becoming a full-time assistant last spring. She also lettered three years for the Golden Eagles, ending her career with a .314 batting average, 74 runs, 108 hits, 14 home runs, 52 RBI and 33 stolen bases. She ranks fifth all-time in school history in batting average, seventh in runs scored and seventh in home runs.

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RECRUITING

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A big change for players when traveling so far can be the food, as Meisner found out in the cafeteria.

“Not having chili was a big thing at first,” Meisner said. “Where I come from we put chili on everything. Not having chili is like not having salt. And when you ask for chili it is completely different here than back home.”

Sophomore goalkeeper Nikki Ryan said that the level of politeness was a big difference between here and her home-

town of Yorba Linda, Calif.

“The first time somebody held the door open for me was strange,” Ryan said. “I was 10 feet away and a guy was just waiting for me with the door open. I was in total shock. When I was in high school I would have doors slam in my face.”

Neidell said that the pursuit of excellence drives him to go to such lengths to get players.

“If you want to be the best, you have to recruit the best,” Neidell said. “In the recruiting process we dot all of our i’s and cross our t’s. We try not to leave any stone unturned.”

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CLUB ROUNDUP

On Sept. 15, three sports clubs were in action at the Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sport Complex.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club defeated Campbellsville 15-3. On the same day, the club beat the Clarksville Ultimate Frisbee Club 15-8.

The Women’s Rugby Club lost to the Louisville Riversharks 40-39.

The Men’s Rugby Club notched its first win of the year, defeating Southern Indiana 39-7.

— David Harten

SOLID

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“We have to stay focused, stay solid, and we’ve got to get our mental game back before we go down and play our first conference game,” Argabright said.

Western will have an opportunity to make a statement early in the East Division.

Western plays Troy at 7 p.m. tomorrow and South Alabama at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Trojans and Jaguars were picked fifth and sixth in the division, respectively.

However, Hudson said he believes that Troy is one of the most improved teams in the league this year.

“It’s been tough for them to get their head above water in this tough East Division,” Hudson said. “But they’re both much improved from a year ago.”

The Trojans (9-7) are car-

rying the momentum of a four-game winning streak. But they are 0-6 all-time against Western and have never won a game in those six matches.

Hudson said earlier in the week he was concerned about the Lady Toppers’ mental game. After Tuesday night’s match, Hudson said the team had taken step one in improving in the mental area.

“If we can build on tonight’s mentality I think we’ll have a shot,” Hudson said. “It will be a challenge all the way through, and we’ve got a great group of kids that just need to develop that champion mentality.”

Gideon said she felt like there had been improvements made in the mental part of the game.

“I feel like we’re getting back there,” Gideon said. “We definitely have started focusing on that, and I think that has been good for us.”

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► Tomorrow

Volleyball at Troy, 7 p.m.

► Tomorrow

Women’s soccer vs.
Eastern Kentucky, 6 p.m.
at WKU Soccer Complex

► Saturday

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Offensive Leaders

Passing:
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yards, two touchdowns, one
interception; David Wolke,
22-38, 249 yards, one touch-
down, one interception
MTSU: Joey Craddock, 40-
69, 548 yards, three touch-
downs, four interceptions

Rushing:

WKU: Tyrell Hayden, 42
ruses, 159 yards, three
touchdowns
MTSU: Tanner Phillip, 19
ruses, 161 yards, three
touchdowns

Receiving:

WKU: Curtis Hamilton, 16
receptions, 177 yards
MTSU: Patrick Honeycutt, 10
receptions, 149 yards

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Tackles:
WKU: Dusty Bear, 17 tackles
MTSU: Lonnie Clemons, 18
tackles

Interceptions:

WKU: Bo Smith, two inter-
ceptions
MTSU: Dana Stewart, one
interception

Game Overview

This is the beginning of
the meat of the Toppers
schedule. They face arguably
the best team without a vic-
tory this season in Middle
Tennessee State.
The Blue Raiders lost to
a Florida Atlantic team that
defeated Minnesota, and
lost to two top-25 teams
in Louisville and Louisiana
State.

The Toppers must improve
offensively from last
week’s victory over Eastern
Kentucky. It took the Toppers
until late in the second quar-
ter to find their rhythm. The
Blue Raiders’ running backs
DeMarco McNair and Tanner
Phillip present a deadly one-
two punch on the ground.
Western will have an edge
at quarterback, with their
own tandem of junior David
Wolke and redshirt freshman
K.J. Black.
It will the first game
between the two former con-
ference rivals since 1991.

– David Harten

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Lady Topper recruiting is a nationwide search

Roster includes players from 13 states, Canada

CHRIS ACREE
Herald reporter

When senior defender
Alaina Atcher decided to come
to Western to play soccer,
she said that the main factors
were the size of the campus,
the school environment and the
proximity to her hometown of
Bloomfield.

She never thought play-
ers from as far away as
Washington, Florida and
Canada would join her.
“My freshman year I
always thought that it was
really strange why anyone
would want to come here to
Western,” Atcher said.
Atcher is one of 23 players
on the Lady Toppers roster. The

players come from 13 states
and one Canadian province.
From as far west as California
and Washington, as far south
as Florida, and as far north as
Saskatchewan, Canada.
Only three players are from
the Kentucky or Tennessee
area.
Coach Jason Neidell said that
while the Lady Toppers’ play-
ing good teams gets the word
out to different areas of the

country, occasionally prospects
won’t know about Western.
“I had never heard of Western
before, so I wasn’t going to
come visit,” said Lily Meisner,
a freshman goalkeeper from
Taos, N.M. “But when I got
down here I saw it had a really
pretty campus and I loved the
coaches.”
Neidell said the campus is
a big drawing point for many
athletes.

“I think we have a really
neat campus,” Neidell said. “I
think what really sells play-
ers on Western is when they
come to visit campus. They
see how comfortable campus
feels and how friendly people
are. Then you add in the fam-
ily atmosphere of our team.
Those things combined are a
very big selling point.”

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FOOTBALL



LUKE SHARRETT/HERALD

Osprey, Fla., senior linebacker Dusty Bear boards the bus to Murfreesboro, Tenn. for tonight’s football game against
Middle Tennessee State University. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

Rivalry to rivalry

Middle Tennessee face-off could become ‘the big game’ and a yearly event

WILL PERKINS
Herald reporter

With the future of the
Western vs. Eastern
rivalry uncertain, the
Toppers cross state
lines tonight in a possible rekindling
of an old fire with an old nemesis.
Western (2-1) travels to Middle
Tennessee State (0-3) tonight for a 6
p.m. kickoff at Johnny “Red” Floyd
Stadium.
Although the two teams have not
faced off since October 1991, they
have played 57 times with a record of
29-27-1, favoring the Blue Raiders.
Because of proximity and the
eventual Sun Belt Conference ties,

head coach David Elson said he defi-
nitely foresees a rivalry developing.
“This is gonna be the big game on
our schedule,” Elson said. “I’d like to
see this game become our last game
of the year. Our Ohio State/Michigan
game.”
With the exception of one year,
rivals Ohio State and Michigan have
scheduled their final games of the
season together since 1935.
While Western enters tonight’s
contest coming off a blowout win
against West Virginia Tech and a vic-
tory against Eastern Kentucky in the
“Battle of the Bluegrass,” the Blue
Raiders open up at home still search-
ing for their first win of the season.
Middle Tennessee suffered loss-

es to Florida Atlantic, Louisville
and Louisiana State, the last two
teams both ranked in the top
10 at the time of the contests.
Florida Atlantic defeated Big Ten
Conference member Minnesota 42-
39 last week.
Because they are the only team in
the country to have played two top
10 teams this season, Elson describes
Middle Tennessee as “the best 0-3
team in the country.”
“For them to not have at least two
losses would have been a national
story,” Elson said. “They are going
to win games this year, I just hope
they don’t start (tonight).”

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MEN’S SOCCER

Texas town
turns out
talented Tops

Wilson, Schroeder traveled
across the country to play

RYAN CAREY
Herald reporter

Coppell, Texas is 745.3 miles away
from the Western campus.
That is exactly how far senior goalkeep-
er Kyle Schroeder and freshman midfielder
Blake Wilson traveled to play soccer at the
college level.
“The soccer was it,” Schroeder said. “I
didn’t even really know that much about
Bowling Green or Western.”
When Schroeder made his decision to
attend Western, Brandon Bailey, another
Coppell native, was a junior.
Just as Brandon Bailey helped Schroeder
adjust his first couple of years, Schroeder
must now play that same role and help out
his fellow Texan.
“He’s been really good to me as well
as the rest of the freshmen in helping me
adjust and everything,” Wilson said of
Schroeder.
There has been a
player from Coppell
on the Topper soc-
cer team going on
six years now.
“Coppell has
always had a good
soccer program and
a lot of good kids
come in to play on
the club teams,”
Wilson said.
Wilson, affec-
tionately known as
“Bake” in high school, credits Schroeder
for telling him about Western.
“He was the one who first told me about
this place and was the one who got me
started talking to coach,” Wilson said.
Wilson helped lead Coppell High to the
Texas 5A State Championship in 2005.
“I just passed his name onto coach,”
Schroeder said. “I didn’t really put any
pressure on him. I just told him how I had
a good situation here and that was it.”
The recruiting roots run deep in that area.
Student assistant coach and former Topper
Ron Plute is a Coppell native as well.

— Kyle Schroeder
senior goalkeeper

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VOLLEYBALL

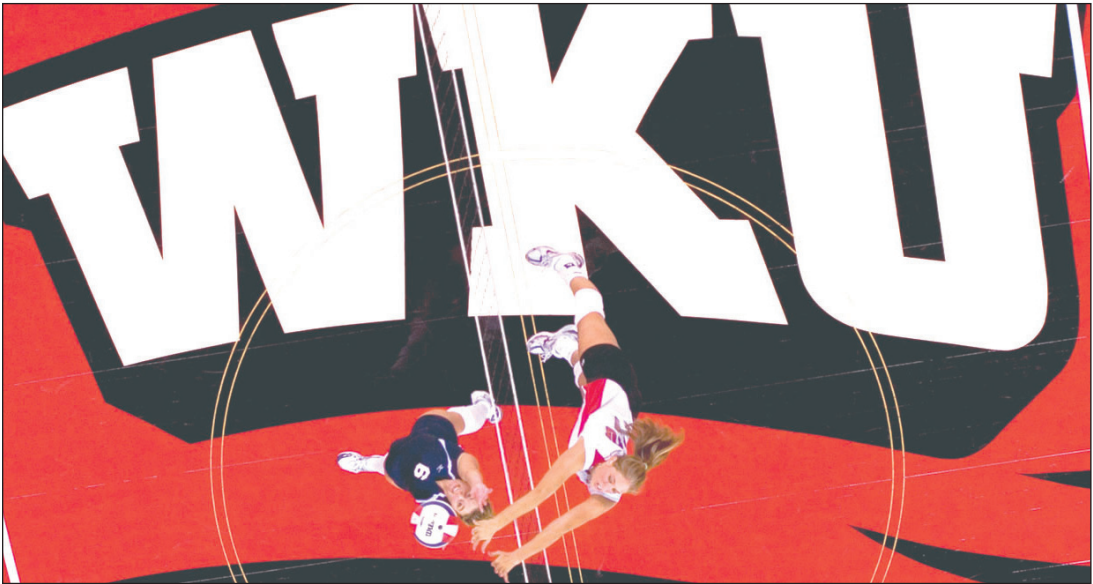
Staying solid

Lady Tops respond well to challenging games

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Senior middle hitter Jenna
Gideon has a tendency to smile,
laugh and jump up and down in
between points.
She earned every bit of that
positive emotion in Western’s
3-0 (30-21, 30-26, 30-22) over
Belmont (10-5) Tuesday night
at Diddle Arena.
Gideon finished with 11 kills
and a season-best .526 hitting
percentage.
Most of Gideon’s success
came in game two. She had
eight kills, including three in

a 5-0 run to give the Lady
Toppers (11-3) a 27-24 lead
as they would go on to win the
game from there.
“Jenna Gideon absolutely
took over game two,” coach
Travis Hudson said. “And got
our head back above water.”
Junior middle hitter Megan
Argabright also contributed 12
kills.
“We really challenged
Megan and Jenna coming into
this match,” Hudson said. “They
responded like the star players
they are.”
Both Argabright and
Gideon have felt what it’s



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like to be at the top in the Sun
Belt Conference. The Lady
Toppers won the SBC tourna-
ment in 2005 and have won
at least a share of seven con-
secutive SBC East Division
titles.
That is where Western now

turns their attention.
The Lady Toppers were
picked third in the league’s
preseason coaches’ poll behind
Florida International and
Middle Tennessee State.

Senior Megan Argabright, a
middle hitter from Louisville,
goes up for a block against a
Belmont Bruin during Tuesday’s
game. She had 12 kills and a
.381 hitting percentage that
helped lead the Tops to victory.

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